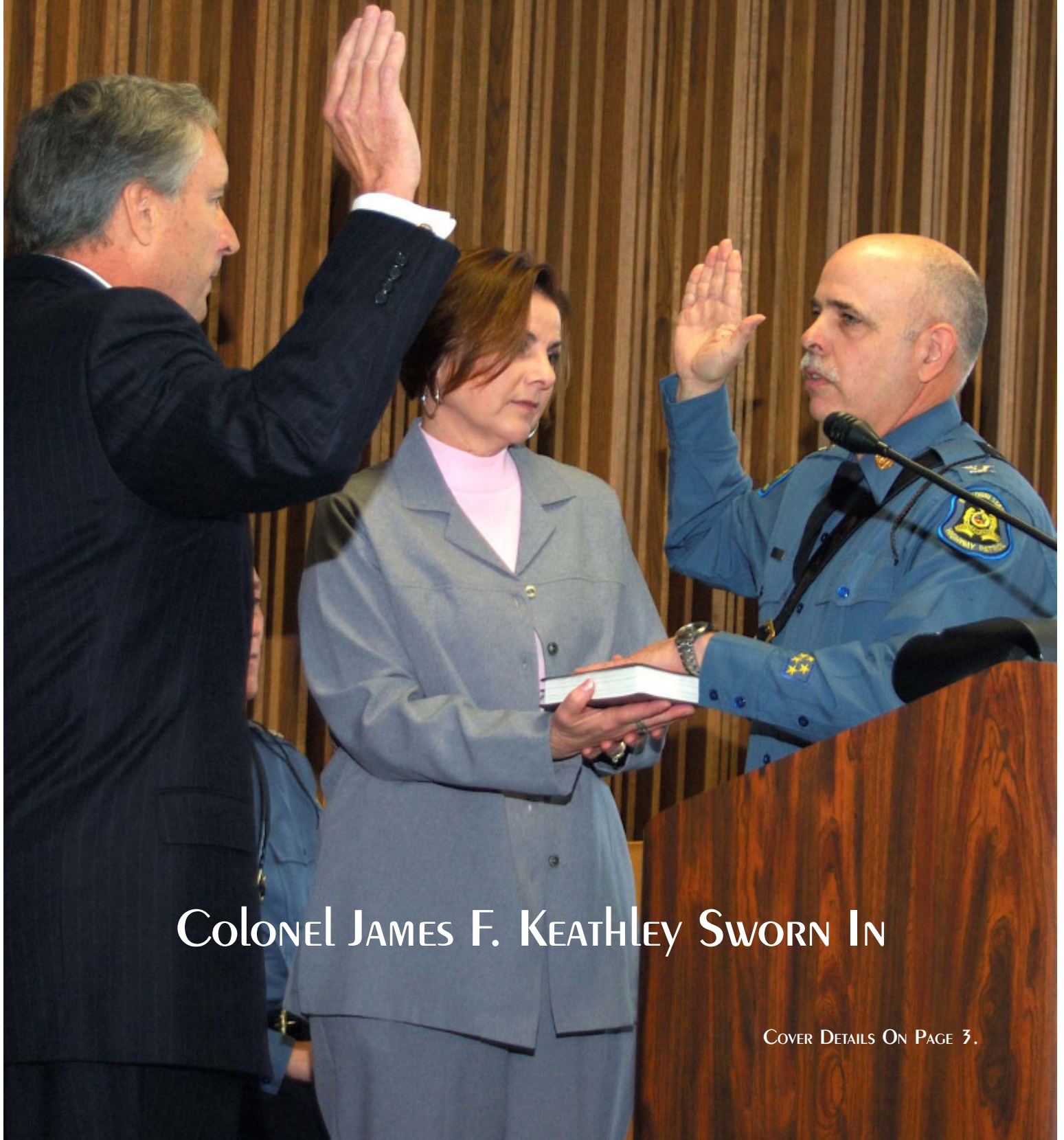


# PATROL NEWS

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"75 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION"



COLONEL JAMES F. KEATHLEY SWORN IN

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# From The Staff ...

**Major Hugh E. McKay**  
**Administrative Services Bureau**



It has been 14 years since the Patrol last provided centralized, Academy, in-service training for its incumbent members. In the last 14 years, many training standards and requirements have changed. Fourteen years ago there were no P.O.S.T. requirements for continuing education and no management training rule requirement for supervisors. As the Patrol adapted its training to meet these new standards, in-service training was put on the so-called “back burner”. During those years, the Academy staff has done an excellent job ensuring all members are provided and in compliance with the P.O.S.T. licensing requirements. However, even with the annual recertification training requirements established, something was missing. Only in an Academy setting can centralized training, specific to an officer’s job duties or assignment, also provide officer interaction and camaraderie similar to their original recruit experience.

Once the decision was made to reinstate a structured in-service training concept, the Training Division had to knock the dust off the bookshelves and do some research. With assistance from members of the Training Committee, needs surveys from commanders, and suggestions from troop trainers and field officers, several consensus recommendations were made and approved. In-service training would be divided into three training tracks: one for troopers, corporals, and sergeants assigned to road enforcement duties, one for troopers, corporals, and sergeants assigned non-road enforcement or specialist duties; and finally, management or staff positions, lieutenants, and above. Some of the training will be the same for all tracks, but also include assignment specific training.

January 2007, centralized Academy in-service training began for the Patrol’s largest group—all members assigned to road enforcement duties. By the time this issue goes to print, almost all the 675 identified road officers will have completed their training with the remaining specialists and staff officer in-service training to follow. Initial evaluations of the training to date have been very positive and encouraging.

I would like to express my appreciation to all employees that played a part in getting in-service training back on track. I encourage all of our employees to continue providing input on what training they need in order to perform their assigned jobs more efficiently and effectively. Providing meaningful, job-related training to all of our employees will continue to be a priority of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

*H.E. McKay*



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## Golf Tournament To Benefit COPS Spouses

The first ever Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) Spouses Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Friday, July 20, 2007, at the Bent Creek Golf Course in Jackson, MO. The goal of this tournament is to raise money and awareness for the COPS Spouses program. It is hoped this will become an annual event. COPS is a nationwide organization, with headquarters in Camdenton, MO, which provides resources to assist in rebuilding lives of the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

The entry fee is \$300 per four person team. Entry fee includes dinner, beverages, and a T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to pin, longest putt, and hole-in-one. Please contact tournament coordinators Pulaski County Conservation Agent Aaron Pondrom at [apondrom@cablemo.net](mailto:apondrom@cablemo.net) or 573-528-5329; or Cape Girardeau County Conservation Agent Darin Pettit at [petttd75@netzero.net](mailto:petttd75@netzero.net) or 573-243-0962, for a registration flyer and more information.



## Cover

*The official swearing in of Colonel James F. Keathley took place on January 24, 2007, in the second floor conference room of General Headquarters. DPS Director Mark James spoke briefly, emphasizing, "Missouri cannot be safe without the Patrol taking a large role in security. The Patrol is in good hands." The Honorable Stephen Limbaugh Jr. administered the oath. Col. Keathley shared his commitment to continuing the traditions established by those before him. He told those present he saw "great opportunities on the horizon" as well as upcoming challenges. In closing, Col. Keathley expressed his appreciation to the employees of the Patrol, "We have the best employees in state government."*

# Opportunity Knocks ...

## CVET Pilot Program Hits The Road

By Capt. Londell Jamerson, Q/CVE

On July, 1, 2006, 20 full-time employees were transferred by legislative action from vacancies within the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division and reassigned as sworn members. This reassignment of FTEs presented the Patrol with an excellent opportunity to further engage in homeland security activities, expand our presence on Missouri roadways, and improve the Patrol's commercial vehicle enforcement capabilities.

To take advantage of this opportunity, Colonel James F. Keathley approved the creation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Troopers Pilot Program (CVET) on December 1, 2006. On March 12, 2007, the members assigned to the CVET program began training at the Academy. This program consists of eight members divided into two teams. Each team includes a sergeant, corporal, and two troopers. One CVET pilot

unit is working in the Troop D, Springfield area; the other in the Troop F, Jefferson City area. The pilot program will allow us to establish consistency in the operation and will provide an opportunity to address challenges prior to adding additional teams. Tentative plans include an additional 12 members assigned to CVET units this fall.

The commercial vehicle enforcement troopers retain the normal duties of a road trooper, however, their primary duties will include enforcement of commercial vehicle and special mobile equipment laws, administrative orders, rules, and regulations. These officers will assist the Major Crash Investigation Units in investigating traffic crashes involving commercial vehicles, school buses, and passenger-carrying motor coaches. These officers will be trained in inspecting radioactive shipments using specialized equipment. They will



*This photo shows the inside of the new Chevrolet Tahoe police SUVs.*



*The recently formed Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Troopers will drive fully marked, two-wheel drive, Chevrolet Tahoe police SUVs like this one.*

also receive training in areas of homeland security.

Troopers assigned as CVETs will be distinguished from other troopers by uniform and vehicle. These teams will be assigned fully marked, two-wheel drive, Chevrolet Tahoe police SUVs. The pilot CVETs' daily uniforms will be blue military style field uniforms displaying Patrol shoulder patches.

If not for the hard work and assistance of employees in the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, Budget and Procurement Division, Motor Equipment Division, Patrol Garage, Human Resources Division, Training Division, and Radio Shop this transition wouldn't have been as seamless. I also thank the troop commanders for their input.



# DWI Efforts, Innovative Program Recognized

*By Cpl. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C*

On Thursday, December 14, 2006, the St. Louis Regional Traffic Safety Council held their Holiday Luncheon at the Creve Coeur Police Department. During the luncheon, several officers from the St. Louis area were recognized for their diligence and tireless efforts at reducing traffic fatalities, removing impaired drivers, and promoting safety on Missouri roadways. Three members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol were recognized for their contribution to highway safety and were presented with plaques in appreciation for their efforts.

Troopers Thomas S. Miller, W. Brad Sevier, and Ricky L. Watson were recognized for their outstanding efforts at successfully removing intoxicated drivers from the roadways and enforcing Missouri traffic laws. Sgt. Al P. Nothum was recognized by the St. Louis Regional Traffic Safety Council for creating "OPERATION



*Sgt. Al Nothum (left) accepts an award recognizing his program "Operation PROTECT" which focuses on enforcement in work zones.*

PROTECT". Sgt. Nothum recognized the blatant disregard the general motoring public has for the safety of our emergency workers and construction workers in the St. Louis area.

In reaction to the recent deaths of MoDOT worker Kenneth Hoierman and a construction contract worker in St. Louis work zones, Sgt. Nothum took the initiative to create an extra

enforcement effort to reduce traffic crashes and fatalities in our work zones. "OPERATION PROTECT" (Patrol Response To Enforcement Of Construction Zone Traffic) is an enforcement effort to assess, identify, and prioritize construction/work zones with critical issues or problems.

Congratulations to all four officers!

## Gov. Blunt Recognizes Tpr. Kinsey

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

In a ceremony January 10, 2007, Governor Matt Blunt recognized Trooper Keith Kinsey as State Employee of the Month for December 2006.

Tpr. Kinsey was selected for this award due to his exceptional levels of police initiative and investigative skills, which he demonstrated during August 2006. His actions resulted in the arrest of four suspects for various felonies, and the identification of 19 other suspects who will be charged later for felony crimes. Incidences included discovering an active methamphetamine laboratory in a room at Harrah's Casino Hotel; revealing check cashing scams at Harrah's Casino, Ameristar Casino, and the President Casino; and discovering stolen money being played

at Harrah's Casino by a bank robber trying to exchange the money for an electronic voucher in order to obtain clean money at the casino.

All of these incidents appeared to be somewhat normal, routine matters. However, Tpr. Kinsey's instincts proved there was more to the stories, resulting in all these cases being solved.

"What Tpr. Kinsey did in August is one example of the service he provides Missourians," said Governor Blunt. "He is to be commended for his dedication to the Department of Public Safety, the Highway Patrol, and the citizens of Missouri. It is a great privilege for me to recognize Tpr. Kinsey as the State Employee of the Month."

Congratulations, Tpr. Kinsey!



*Governor Matt Blunt presents the State Employee of the Month award to Tpr. Keith Kinsey, Q/GD. DPS Director Mark James stands behind them.*

*(Tpr. Kinsey was named DPS Employee of the Month for November 2006. See January/February 2007 Patrol News, page 16.)*

# ISD Celebrates

## Ryan Badresingh Becomes An American Citizen

By CIT III Phyllis R. Emmel, Q/ISD

On Friday, October 20, 2006, Information Systems Division's own CIT III Ryan C. Badresingh became an American citizen! Never missing an opportunity to party, the division could not let this huge accomplishment go by without a celebration. As Ryan worked away in one-half of the conference room, everyone else gathered in the patriotically decorated other half to surprise him. At 8:30 a.m., as the National Anthem began playing over the intercom, the conference room dividers were opened. The division managed something Ryan said had never happened before — he was speechless. At first, he was not sure what was going on. But, it became obvious as everyone was wearing red, white, and blue; waving flags; and singing the National Anthem. In addition, there was lots of great food to add to the festive mood.

Ryan's co-worker, CIT Spec. II Sandra L. Bexten, had contacted his district representative and requested a flag to be presented to him at the party. So, Ryan received a flag that had flown over the Missouri Capitol on October 19, 2006. A framed, signed certificate read:

To All Who Shall see these presents greetings:

Know Ye, That, on this Nineteenth day of October 2006, AD, this United States Flag was raised before the State Capitol, City of Jefferson, Missouri.

Signed by: Capitol Police Chief, Todd Hurt & Missouri State Governor, Matt Blunt.

We would like to let everyone know how Ryan came to be not only the Patrol's newest American citizen, but also, part of our ISD family. Ryan first came to the United States in 1988, at the age of 10, when his par-

ents attended Sam Houston State University in Texas.

"My brothers (Dane and Sean) and I were excited to attend school in a new country and hoped we would get to see snow for the first time despite being so far south," he said. "We all found the experience wonderful and really missed Huntsville when we moved back to Jamaica in 1990."

When Ryan's family returned home, his brother (Dane) remained



*CIT III Ryan C. Badresingh was surprised when his coworkers threw a party to celebrate his newly acquired U.S. citizenship.*

in the U.S. to attend Sam Houston State University. (Dane was 17 at that time) He still lives in Texas. Seven years later, Ryan's mother once again traveled to the United States to attend college. This time, her travels brought her to Columbia to attend the University of Missouri. Ryan joined her in the summer 1997 and started college a few months later. Ryan told us that somewhere between working and attending school full-time he found time to court his future wife. Ryan and Kendra married in 2000 and had a son (J.R.) in 2002. Ryan graduated from Mizzou in 2003, and came to work for the Highway Patrol in August of that year.

Ryan's only sister (Kimberly) was born in the state of Louisiana and currently lives with Ryan and Kendra.

"The last three years have been a blur both personally and professionally," Ryan reminisced. "Seeing my son grow, moving from Operations to Application Services within ISD, making new friends, and seeing some leave have all been a big part of my life," Ryan shared with us. "The last nine years have included me becoming a husband, a father, and an American citizen. Now I can finally call Missouri home."

"When the Patrol hired Ryan in August 2003, I don't think they knew exactly what a *gem* of an employee they had hired!" said Program./Analyst Mgr. Doris K. Fisher (Ryan's supervisor) "Ryan started in the Operations/Help Desk Support group, but soon became bored and started putting his programming skills to use with small applications. When a CIT position became available in ISD, he jumped at the opportunity to use his programming skills and landed the job! I met Ryan in February 2005. He seemed to be a quiet, reserved employee, always willing to help out and do extensive research to complete his job! The Patrol was fairly new at developing web applications, and as Ryan became proficient in JAVA, Websphere, and associated applications, he soon became the 'expert' at many tasks! He had a huge role in the Trooper Selection Process Application and the Content Manager applications. He is a very dedicated employee, and one who has truly become a great American citizen! We're very lucky to have him here at the Patrol, and as a fellow American!"

All of us, in ISD, are very proud of Ryan for taking this huge step. We hope our celebration of his citizenship shows, in some small way, just how proud we are.



# Association Honors Rodenberg, Hagerty, Winter

*By Sgt. Daniel Green, Troop A*

On November, 14, 2006, Corporal Norman E. Rodenberg, Corporal Brian S. Hagerty, and Trooper Christopher A. Winter, were recognized at the annual KMBC-TV 9/Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs' Association Awards for Valor ceremony held at the Kansas City Downtown Marriott, Kansas City, MO.

Cpl. Rodenberg received a "Life-saving" award for his actions on July 3, 2006. He and another citizen removed an impaired driver from a burning vehicle. The impaired driver's vehicle almost struck Cpl. Rodenberg head-on before running off the road, striking several trees, and catching fire. The impaired driver was treated and released from Ray County Hospital, Richmond, MO, with only minor injuries resulting from the crash.

Cpl. Hagerty supervised the Troop A criminal interdiction unit during 2006. He received a "Meritorious Service" award for his initiative in the development, implementation, and successful results of the criminal interdiction unit. A total of 2,256 pounds of marijuana, 23 pounds of cocaine, miscellaneous drug paraphernalia, various amounts of prescription medications, ecstasy, Psilocybin mushrooms, one stolen handgun, one stolen vehicle, and over \$10,000 in cash were seized.

Tpr. Winter received the "Gold" award for his actions following a pursuit that started in Sedalia and ended on U.S. Highway 50 just west of Tipton, MO. On January 19, 2006, Sedalia police stopped a vehicle being driven by a subject who had failed to turn himself in following a bond revocation for multiple domestic violence offenses and violation of an ex parte order of protection in Cooper County. The subject exited his vehicle, pointed a revolver at a Sedalia police officer, then got back into his vehicle, and fled. Tpr. Winter located the vehicle on MO Highway 135 near Providence Road. The subject attempted to force Tpr.

Winter off the road by driving at him.

Tpr. Winter avoided the vehicle then turned around and pursued the vehicle southbound on MO 135 and then east on U.S. 50. The pursuit covered a distance of approximately 25 miles and ended when the driver lost

control of the car west of Tipton, ran off the road, and crossed back across the westbound lanes before crashing through a fence and stopping in a field. As Tpr. Winter approached on foot and ordered the suspect to lie on the ground, the suspect exited the ve-

hicle—again armed with a revolver—and fired several shots toward Tpr. Winter. Tpr. Winter returned fire with his service pistol and shot the suspect who fell to the ground.

Congratulations to these officers on jobs well done!



*Corporal Brian S. Hagerty accepts a Meritorious Service award at the KMBC/Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association.*



*Trooper Christopher A. Winter accepts a Gold award.*



*Corporal Norman E. Rodenberg accepts a Lifesaving award at a ceremony in Kansas City.*

# ***PROMOTIONS & RECLASSIFICATIONS***



Albert O. Brown  
Lieutenant  
Troop D



David A. Hall  
Lieutenant  
Troop F



Malik A. Henderson  
Lieutenant  
Troop C



Kevin G. Haywood  
Sergeant  
Troop H



Keith L. Lichay  
Sergeant  
Troop C



Perry L. Smith  
Sergeant  
Troop C



Justin L. McCullough  
Corporal  
Troop I



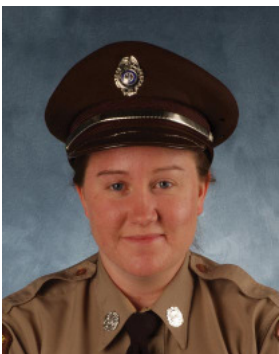
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Radio Personnel  
Troop E



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AFIS Entry Oper. II  
Q/CRID



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Fingerprint Tech. II  
Q/CRID



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DE III  
Troop C



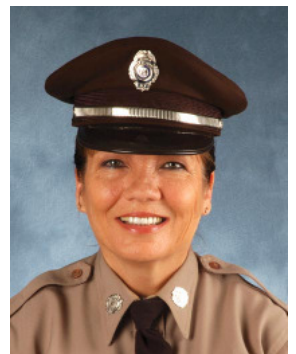
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Sprv.  
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Q/CRID



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DE III  
Troop D



# PROMOTIONS & RECLASSIFICATIONS



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AFIS Entry Oper. II  
Q/CRID



Debra D. Pitts  
DE Sprv.  
Troop G



Becky A. Trabue  
Latent Tech. I  
Q/CRID



*Chase Mason*  
CVO II Matthew C. and Joanne  
L. Hodges  
Troop E

*Zane Parker Thomas*  
Tpr. Matthew T. and Jana M.  
Halford  
Troop F

*Wyatt Scott*  
Tpr. Adam S. and Jessica L.  
Rice  
Troop H

*Travis Andrew*  
CVO Sprv. I Randall K. and  
Patsy Cooper  
Troop E

*Casen James*  
Tpr. James D. and Ashlie  
B. Patton  
Troop E

*Ava Grace*  
Tpr. Andy A. and Kim A.  
Henry  
Troop H

*Isabel Rose*  
Tpr. Bruce A. and Ivett I.  
McLaughlin  
Troop F

*Shane Zalmone*  
Mr. Steven D. and AFIS Entry  
Oper. III Dana D. Graham  
Q/CRID

*Nate Alan*  
Tpr. Jarrod S. and Brandy L.  
Thomas  
Troop C

*Mason Todd*  
Tpr. Jonathon P. and Chasidy A.  
Lynch  
Troop H

*Reagan Elizabeth*  
Tpr. Joshua L. and Deann D.  
White  
Troop H

*Waylon Lee*  
Tpr. Brian N. Anders  
Troop B

*Sarah Renee*  
Tpr. James W. and Tammy R.  
George  
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Hurst  
Troop A

# Patrol History Trivia

## The Life & Times Of P.M. “Jack” Inman

By Lt. Wesley E. Benitz, Troop H

*(Editor's Note: Following is an excerpt from a book Lt. Wesley E. Benitz, Troop H, is creating. The book will contain Troop H's history and numerous pictures. During his research, Lt. Benitz was able to talk to Dee Frye. Her dad was P.M. “Jack” Inman, one of the original 55 officers, and later captain of Troop H. Capt. Inman spent almost all of his career in Troop H (Troop A in 1931). We appreciate Lt. Benitz sharing this historical article with us!)*

I want to tell you a story about one of the original members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Paul M. “Jack” Inman. His story typifies the dedicated men who formed this organization and made it the respected law enforcement organization that it is today.

Jack was from St. Joseph, MO. He was married and working for the Quaker Oats Company in St. Joseph, prior to applying for the newly created law enforcement organization, Missouri State Highway Patrol. Jack was encouraged by a couple of other “fellows” to apply for this new organization. (Those fellows were James S. Poage and Thomas E. Whitecotton.) This took considerable courage on

Jack’s part—to give up a steady paying job at Quaker Oats in the height of the Depression.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol began training on October 5, 1931. Jack, along with James S. Poage, Thomas E. Whitecotton, and 52 other gentlemen, began six weeks of training in the Police Academy in St. Louis. The starting pay for a new trooper was \$140 per month. On November 23, the new officers of the Missouri State Highway Patrol gathered in Jefferson City for their final instructions. Those officers began our traditions the next morning as they started patrolling the roads of Missouri. They patrolled dirt and gravel roads and a few paved roads here and there.

Troop A, Kansas City, was Jack’s first assignment. Eleven men were assigned to Troop A, which included the 21 counties of Atchison, Nodaway, Worth, Harrison, Holt, Gentry, Andrew, Daviess, Dekalb, Buchanan, Clinton, Caldwell, Platte, Clay, Ray, Jackson, Lafayette, Saline, Cass, Johnson, and Pettis. Jack was stationed back home in St. Joseph, along with one other officer, James S. Poage, who was promoted to sergeant a few months after their assignment. One officer was assigned to Harrison County and the remaining officers were assigned to Jackson County or south.

As did the other officers of the Patrol, Jack made a name for himself and his organization. A crucial test for Jack came on September 14, 1933. Jack and Sgt. Poage, with the assistance of Nodaway County officers, setup a stakeout for Harold Thornbrugh.



*Trooper P.M. Inman  
1931-1967*

Thornbrugh was wanted for attempted murder, and for questioning in the murder of an Omaha, NE, police officer. As Thornbrugh drove into Hopkins on Route 27, he spotted law enforcement officers and fled.

After driving off the road and hitting an embankment, Thornbrugh stepped from his 1928 Pontiac with a sawed off shotgun and shot at Jack and Sgt. Poage, who had pursued Thornbrugh together in Sgt. Poage’s patrol car. Sgt. Poage was struck in the head at the hatband above the right eye with a slug from Thornbrugh’s sawed off-shotgun. Jack returned fire with his Smith & Wesson .38-caliber revolver. Thornbrugh was struck in the chest near the heart and died before arriving at the hospital in Maryville. Sgt. Poage was taken to the hospital in Maryville. It was decided to leave the bullet in his head, because there would be fewer complications than the invasive surgery. Sgt. Poage survived, and went on to be the first commanding officer of Troop H.

Except for a short period in 1944, when Jack was promoted to sergeant



*Captain P.M. “Jack” Inman works at his desk.*

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## —Inman

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and stationed in the Columbia area, he spent his entire career in St. Joseph. Jack was promoted to lieutenant in 1959, and promoted to captain and named commanding officer of Troop H in 1962. He remained the commanding officer until he retired in May 1967.

In 1941, just 38 of the original members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol were still employed. One had been killed (Benjamin O. Booth), one had died (Clyde W. Kinder), and 15 left the Patrol. Fifteen years later, only 12 original members remained. At the 30th anniversary of the Patrol, eight of the original members were still among the ranks. In 1966, three of the original members remained: Captain D. Harrison, Major C. M. Parker, and Jack. When January 1, 1968, arrived all the original members of that first Patrol recruit class were retired and in the history books.

Jack saw the Patrol grow from a fledgling organization of 115 authorized (55 actual) officers in 1931, to an authorized strength of 650 officers in 1967. When Jack retired, the accolade he was given most was, "Jack was a trooper's trooper. He never asked a man to do something he wouldn't do." Those words spoke volumes of the man behind the uniform.

Jack died of pancreatic cancer only a few short months after retirement. He was eulogized by the minister who conducted the service as a man who faced his impending death with the same character and bravery as he displayed during his distinguished career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The colonel of the Patrol and a host of troopers, along with numerous city, state, and federal law enforcement officials and elected officials, members of the judiciary, and many friends attended Jack's funeral service.

It has been said, "A man's riches are measured in the friends he has." Jack surely had many riches and touched many lives.

## 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of December 16, 2006 through February 16, 2007. (*Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the report to be considered for this column.*)

### Troop A

Tpr. D.W. Barklage, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.J. Bell, 2 arrests  
Sgt. D.S. Green, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.S. Hagerty, 3 arrests  
Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.A. Kumpf, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. McCrary, 2 arrests  
Cpl. R.B. McGinnis, 5 arrests  
Tpr. W.E. Oliver, 1 arrest  
Sgt. C.M. Stosberg, 1 arrest

### Troop B

Tpr. T.J. Adams, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.J. Hollmann, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.E. McTheeney, 1 arrest

### Troop C

Tpr. A.D. Gadberry, 3 arrests  
Tpr. V.R. McBride, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.A. Moore, 1 arrest  
Cpl. H.W. Moore, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.W. Robinson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.A. Seaton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.C. Swartz, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Wheatley, 1 arrest

### Troop D

Cpl. B.S. Bearden, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.L. Braden, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.L. Hall, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Marlin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.J. Rutledge, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.R. Sanders, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.J. Walker, 2 arrests

### Troop E

Tpr. N.T. Bratton, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.W. Crank, 3 arrests  
Sgt. J.T. Laramore, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Pounds, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.E. Sargent, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.S. Stewart, 2 arrests  
Tpr. N.L. Wheelles, 1 arrest

### Troop F

Tpr. M.P. Fennewald, 3 arrests  
Cpl. M.A. Halford, 3 arrests  
Sgt. M.K. Frazier, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.A. Green, 1 arrest  
Sgt. A.J. Mattox, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.D. Stegeman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.A. Veasman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.A. Winter, 1 arrest

### Troop G

Cpl. S.W. Crouch, 1 arrest

### Troop H

Cpl. T.B. Gardner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.K. Griffin, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.M. Hux, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.J. Lewis, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.A. Wilhoit, 4 arrests

### Troop I

Cpl. S.J. Childers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.H. Glendenning, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Riggs, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.M. Shanika, 1 arrest  
Cpl. A.B. Swearingen, 1 arrest

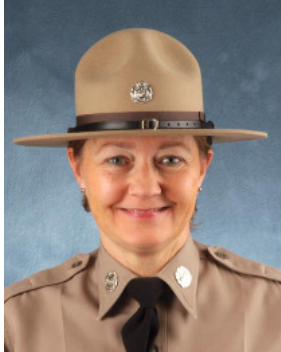
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Nobody can make you feel inferior without  
your consent.

—Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### MVI III Nancy K. West



**Appointed:** May 1, 1990

**First Assignment:** Part-Time Driver Examiner Clerk

**Promotions:** December 1, 1990 — DE Exam. Clerk I; September 1, 1991 — MVI I; March 1, 1992 — MVI II; April 1, 1996 — MVI III.

**Current Assignment:** Motor Vehicle Inspector III, Troop D Service Center.

**Family:** Nancy and her husband, Jim, have been married for 28 years. They have a son, a daughter, and three of the cutest grandkids you've ever seen.

**Interests:** Nancy loves to shop flea markets, garage sales, and out-of-the-way antique stores. She likes to make things with her hands—all kinds of crafts, needlework, sewing projects. She enjoys gardening and canning MOST of the time. She and her husband have a little mini-farm where they raise chickens, cows, and pigs. She looks forward to 2011, when she can retire and enjoy the farm life at a more leisurely pace.

Nancy was born in Carthage, MO, where her dad, James Norman Taylor was a weight inspector for the Patrol. He soon became a trooper and was stationed at Springfield where Nancy attended grade school. After her dad resigned from the Patrol, he moved the family to an acreage north of

Springfield. Nancy graduated from Willard High School in 1974. Two years later she was hired as a driver examiner clerk where she worked inside the Department of Revenue office when it was located on Commercial Street in Springfield. She worked with the best bunch of guys (and gal Wava Allman), who enjoyed their jobs and made "work" fun for all.

Nancy married Jim West in 1978. After their first child arrived in 1980, Nancy left the Patrol to begin raising their family as a stay-at-home mom. In 1990, Nancy was hired back on the Patrol as a part-time driver examiner clerk with the traveling crew at Carthage. A few months later she became a full-time driver examiner clerk at the Joplin DE Station. Nancy needed more challenging work and longed to become a driver examiner, but at that time there was a hiring freeze. Fortunately, nine new positions opened up within the MVI Division (salvage inspectors).

Nancy transferred to MVI in 1991, and supervised safety inspection stations in the southwestern counties until 1998. Since then, she has been the salvage inspector at the Carthage Service Center.

Nancy says she has thoroughly enjoyed her career with the Patrol and appreciates all the people she has had the privilege to work with.

### Trooper Barton M. "Bart" Seymore



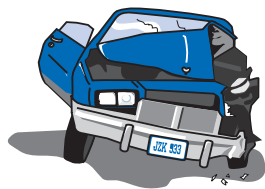
**Appointed:** October 20, 2002.

**First Assignment:** Troop C, Zone 8, St. Charles County.

**Current Assignment:** Troop C, Zone 8, St. Charles County.

**Family:** Bart is married to Julie, and they currently reside in Wentzville, with their two children, Paige (6) and Wyatt (2). His wife Julie is a probation and parole officer in St. Charles County.

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## Traffic Fatalities

Year to Date Mar. 31, 2007	Same Period Last Year Year to Date	Number of Increase or Decrease	2005 Traffic Fatalities	2006 Traffic Fatalities
195	268	-73	1257	1097

**Note:** These totals do not include late deaths.



## —Seymore

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**Interests:** In his spare time, Bart said he enjoys fishing and other outdoor events, but most especially spending time with his kids. He also enjoys all sports and playing baseball.

Bart was born in Magnolia, AR, and moved with his family to House Springs in 1979. He graduated from House Springs High School, in House Springs. He attended East Central Community College in Union for two years. He then transferred to Southwest Baptist University, where he obtained a bachelor's of science degree in sports management with an emphasis in business. While attending both colleges, Bart received baseball scholarships and played collegiate baseball for both teams. Prior to his career with the Patrol, Bart worked for Coca-Cola in Bolivar, and other miscellaneous jobs. His true desire was to become a Missouri state trooper, and with his dedication and determination he was given that opportunity after several attempts in the hiring process.

Bart was hired by the Patrol on October 20, 2002. Upon completing the Academy, he was sent to Troop C, Zone 8, St. Charles County. Bart has been involved in numerous extra assignments while assigned to Zone 8, and has played an integral part in the Special Olympic fund-raising efforts of their zone. Bart has served as the zone Special Olympics coordinator for four years, and has continually been successful. Bart is a very hard working member of the Patrol, and continues to have a positive attitude with his co-workers and the general public.

Keep up the good work, Bart!

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

## 35 years ago

*March 1972* — The front cover showed a “teletype” with a message to the news media. The message indicated the Patrol rendered a total of 37,330 services to the motoring public the previous year. The Patrol also reported 859 abandoned vehicles were towed. The Patrol investigated a total of 5,760 traffic crashes on the interstate highways in 1971.

## 30 years ago

*April 1977* — The Kansas City DE Station reported someone who appeared to be a woman dressed in man's clothing applied for a license. The person said her name was “Jimmy” and marked male on the form. After some discussion, she was asked to provide documentation to prove her claim of a sex change. She left, but called later indicating she had the records and was returning to the station. Several months later, “Jimmy” reappeared ... This time, HE was pregnant and presented a different set of identification. He failed the test, so the station employees wondered if he'd shed light on the situation next time they saw him.

## 25 years ago

*March 1982* — The cover showed a photo of law enforcement representatives from 12 states. The people pictured attended a two-day FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) North Central Regional Working Group meeting hosted by the Patrol.

## 15 years ago

*April 1992* — A photo showed a trailer transporting a \$1.3 million transformer, which had a gross weight of 500,000 pounds. The special trailer had 122 tires and a gross length, including a front pulling tractor and a rear pushing tractor, of 230 feet. The load belonged to Savage Industries of Salt Lake City, Utah. Its crew included a driver for the pull tractor, a driver for the front trailer, a driver for the rear trailer, and a driver for the push tractor. When not hauling a large piece of equipment, the trailer will break down into two, 90-foot pieces and one 70-foot piece.

## 10 years ago

*March 1997* — The inauguration of Governor Mel Carnahan graced the front and back covers, and centerfold.

## 5 years ago

*April 2002* — MVB moved into its new home. Troop A's honor guard performed the flag ceremony for the opening session of the Missouri House of Representatives. The flag bearers' historic uniforms made an impression.

# Memorials & Dedications

## Cpl. Jay Sampietro Memorial Highway Established

By Sgt. Daniel S. Bracker, Troop D

On October 25, 2006, Jennifer, Matt, and Will Sampietro joined family, friends, and members of the Patrol who gathered at Troop D to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Corporal J.A. "Jay" Sampietro in a service dedicating a portion of Interstate 44 in his name.

Jay was killed while directing traffic on Interstate 44 east of Strafford on August 17, 2005.

Colonel James F. Keathley, GHQ staff, legislators, and many Patrol personnel attended the dedication. Also present at the dedication was the family of Will Crain, the MoDOT worker who was struck by a vehicle while erecting the Sampietro Memorial Highway signs along I-44. Jennifer Sampietro recognized the parents, son, and former wife of Will Crain during the ceremony.

Jennifer was presented with a framed Senate Bill which established



Colonel James F. Keathley presents a framed copy of Senate Bill 667 to Mrs. Jennifer Sampietro.

*This sign honors Cpl. Jay Sampietro's sacrifice and reminds motorists of the importance of MOVING OVER.*



the Jay Sampietro Memorial Highway. Many thanks and recognitions were given to the Patrol and his family at Jay's dedication. The memorial highway signs alongside the interstate are

a daily reminder to all who travel I-44 of Jay's ultimate sacrifice for all Missourians. He will never be forgotten and frequently is remembered.

## Ceremony Honors Cpl. John A. "Jay" Sampietro

By Troop E

In August 2006, the Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo honored Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr., at the rodeo grounds in Sikeston, MO. Each year, the Sikeston Jaycees sponsor a rodeo. The rodeo is sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and has become a tradition for southeast Missouri, southern Illinois, western Kentucky, and western Tennessee.

For many years, Jay Sampietro was in attendance at this event. He began attending as a member of the Sikeston Department of Public

Safety, then became a Jaycee, and worked many years to help make this rodeo possible. Later, after he joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol, he returned yearly to be a part of the Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo, as did his wife and family.

As I am certain you already know, Jay was well respected by the members of the Sikeston Jaycees. Therefore, on August 9, 2006, Cpl. Jay Sampietro was honored prior to the rodeo when a presentation of a memorial was made at the entrance to the

*Pictured is the Cpl. Jay Sampietro memorial located outside the entrance to the rodeo grounds in Sikeston, MO.*

rodeo grounds. In attendance were Jay's family: Jennifer, Matt, Will, John A. Sampietro Sr., members of the Sikeston Jaycees, members of the Sikeston Department of Public Safety, and members of Troop E.





# Tpr. Ross S. Creach Memorial Highway Named

**By Sgt. Paul J. Reinsch, Troop F**

On September 29, 2006, a ceremony, arranged by the Missouri State Trooper's Association, dedicated a portion of U.S. Highway 54 in Camden County as the "Trooper Ross S. Creach Memorial Highway". On a beautiful, sunny, fall day, current state troopers joined over 100 family members and friends at First Baptist Church in Macks Creek, MO, to honor a trooper who was killed 63 years ago.

A display for attendees to view, including a memory album, a vase containing two red roses, a picture of a Highway Patrol shoulder patch, and picture of Tpr. Creach, adorned a small table covered with a white, lace tablecloth. A framed copy of Senate Bill 667 was presented to the family at the dedication event. The legislation approved the installation of two signs along U.S. Highway 54 dedicating a 13-mile span of the highway in honor of Tpr. Creach.



*The Creach family is shown with some of their Patrol family.*

Tpr. Ross S. Creach, 24, died on December 12, 1943, after being struck by a car driven by a drunk driver while he was directing traffic at the scene of an automobile crash. The incident took place on U.S. Highway 36 in Shelby County. Tpr. Creach was the first trooper to be killed at the

hands of an impaired driver.

"It is important to honor the trooper's who have fallen in the line of duty," said Captain Dale Schmidt, commanding officer Troop F. "Trooper Creach has been gone for over 60 years, but he will never be forgotten by the Highway Patrol."

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# Tpr. Ralph Tatoian Memorial Highway Dedicated

**By Cpl. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C**

On Thursday, November 9, 2006, a ceremony at Troop C Headquarters dedicated a portion of Interstate 44 in Franklin County in memory of Trooper Ralph C. Tatoian. Senate Bill 667, which was signed by Governor Blunt, established the Trooper Ralph Tatoian Memorial Highway on Interstate 44 in Franklin County, effective August 28, 2006. Tpr. Tatoian tragically lost his life in the line of duty while responding to a SWAT (then known as SERT) callout in Franklin County on April 20, 2005.

The ceremony was attended by numerous family, friends, loved ones, and co-workers of Tpr. Tatoian. Those who knew Ralph remember his amazing love for his family, friends, and the Highway Patrol. His contagious smile,

uplifting attitude, and outgoing personality were features of Ralph that can never be forgotten or replaced. He was a father, husband, son, brother, friend, and most importantly a hero that many looked up to.

Despite the time of year for the ceremony, you couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day to honor our friend, Ralph. The skies were clear, the sun was bright, and it was obvious Ralph was with us in spirit. Ralph's smile was shining down on us through bright rays of sunshine and comforting us all during the every day struggles we experience grieving our loss.



*The Tatoian family stands near the highway sign designating a portion of Interstate 44 in Franklin County as the Trooper Ralph Tatoian Memorial Highway.*

# Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham Memorial Bridge On U.S. 60 Dedicated

By Sgt. Martin K. Elmore, Troop G

The First Baptist Church of Van Buren, MO, was the site of a large gathering on the afternoon of November 16, 2006. The purpose was to dedicate the recently constructed bridge on U.S. Highway 60 over the Current River as the Sergeant C. Dewayne Graham Memorial Bridge.

The 2 p.m. ceremony began with a prayer from Reverend Mark Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church. Sgt. Marty Elmore introduced Captain J. Bret Johnson after welcoming those in attendance. Capt. Johnson introduced Representative Mike Dethrow and Senator Kevin Engler, two men who were instrumental in making the day possible. Each came to the podium and spoke of their appreciation for the Patrol and of their fondness for Dewayne.

Colonel James F. Keathley came to the podium and remembered Dewayne as a dedicated Patrol member who approached his responsibilities as a trooper firmly, but fairly. The colonel then noted Dewayne's life was cut short by "a coward's bullet". As Col. Keathley completed his address, in what was no doubt the emotional high point of the day, the superintendent invited Dewayne's young son, Hayden Graham, to the platform where he presented him a framed copy of the proclamation officially dedicating this landmark to the young man's father.

Mr. Brad Thielemier, the governmental affairs director for the Missouri State Trooper's Association, still—understandably—somewhat overcome with the emotion of the moment, represented MoSTA at the podium. At the request of the Graham family, Sgt. Elmore spoke on their behalf, thanking those present for their ongoing kindness and support. Sgt. Elmore then invited Pastor Richardson to close the service in prayer.

Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham made the ultimate sacrifice on March 20, 2005. He was murdered by a sniper,



*The Graham family stands with (left) Captain Billy Chadwick, Troop G, and Colonel James F. Keathley (right).*

while standing in his own driveway near his patrol car at the end of his

shift. The individual who is accused in his killing still awaits trial.

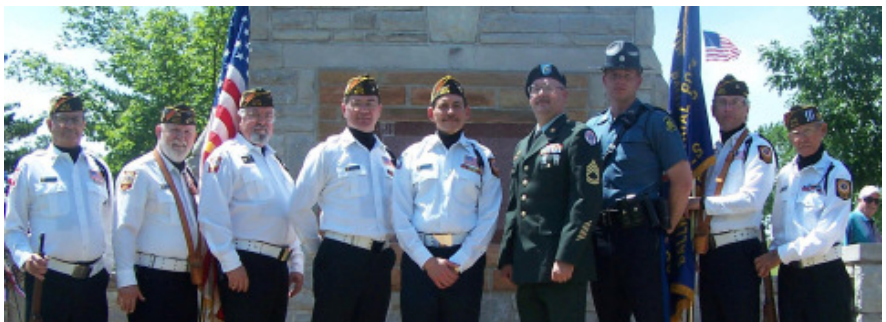
## VFW Memorial Services Open To All

By Probationary Radio Personnel Fredric J. Gilbert, Troop C

Last year, on May 20, 2006 to be exact, Tpr. Steven M. Dixon and I participated in a Memorial Day service at Vlassis Park in Ballwin, MO. This ceremony is conducted each year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Ballwin Post 6274.

As a Vietnam War veteran, I've been participating in local Memorial Day ceremonies for over 10 years as commander of the post's honor guard. Tpr. Dixon, a Marine Corps veteran, was an honored guest of the VFW and city of Ballwin at the 2006 ceremony. Everyone, especially the employees of Troop C are invited to attend future Memorial Day services conducted by the VFW. They take place at 10 a.m. at Bluebird Park in Ellisville, MO, and 11:15 a.m. at Vlassis Park in Ballwin, MO, on Memorial Day every year.

I hope you'll come this year.



*Prob. Radio Personnel Fredric J. Gilbert and Tpr. Steven M. Dixon Stand with VFW Post 6274's honor guard after the 2006 Memorial Day service at Vlassis Park.*



# Tpr. Kevin Floyd Memorial Highway Designated

By Sgt. Martin K. Elmore, Troop G

On Thursday, November 16, 2006, at 9 a.m., family, co-workers, and friends of Trooper D. Kevin Floyd gathered at the Cabool High School gym for a dedication ceremony. The ceremony officially renamed a portion of U.S. Highway 60 in Texas County as the Trooper Kevin Floyd Memorial Highway.

Sergeant Marty Elmore welcomed those in attendance and introduced Reverend Harold Bruening, Troop G chaplain, who offered an opening prayer. Captain J. Bret Johnson introduced Representative Don Wells and Senator Chuck Purgason, and invited each to the podium to offer their thoughts. Both men spoke of their appreciation for the Patrol and the ultimate sacrifice Kevin made.

Capt. Johnson introduced Colonel James F. Keathley, who stepped to the podium and spoke about the revered place that we in the Missouri State Highway Patrol hold for those who have given their lives in service to the citizens of the state of Missouri. He thanked Kevin's widow, Cheryl Floyd, for her efforts in testifying before the Missouri Legislature about the importance of the "Move Over" law, saying that her testimony was instrumental in the passage of amendments that resulted in needed modifications to the law. Col. Keathley then presented Cheryl with a framed copy of the legislative proclamation which officially created the Trooper Kevin Floyd Memorial Highway.

Mr. Ken Sears, president of the Missouri Trooper's Association, shared his thoughts and pledged the association's continued support to the Floyd family. Sears said MOSTA was pleased to provide the funds to purchase the large green signs that would soon be displayed at the memorial site. One such sign, displayed on an easel, provided a backdrop for the day's speakers.

Finally, Cheryl Floyd addressed the crowd. She introduced other family members and thanked everyone for their continued support. She spoke of the special friendships Kevin



*The family of fallen hero Tpr. D. Kevin Floyd stand with the marker for the Trooper Kevin Floyd Memorial Highway.*

had enjoyed with many of those present and of his love for his friends, which often manifested itself through his mischievous side in the form of a practical joke or slightly embellished story. She spoke of the love she had shared with Kevin and of the great void his death created for all those who loved him.

Captain Billy Chadwick recognized Mr. Jack Pahlmann, president of The MASTERS, thanking him for the great service the organization pro-

vides to the families of fallen troopers. To close the ceremony, Reverend Bruening offered a prayer of benediction.

Trooper D. Kevin Floyd made the ultimate sacrifice on September 22, 2005. He was struck by a passing motorist while standing at the driver's door of a vehicle he had stopped for speeding. The individual who caused his death was recently convicted and sentenced on manslaughter charges.

## Missouri's Poster Contest Winner Named



*Congratulations to Miss Rylie White, who attends Lathrop Elementary in Lathrop, MO. Miss White placed first in Missouri's National Missing Children's Day poster contest. Her artwork will be entered in the national contest in Washington, D.C. A national winner will be selected early in May. This is what Rylie wrote about her poster: My poster has the stork because it represents the stork bringing your child. But only once, so take care of your children and stick with them. The stork only brings your child to you as a baby.*

# RETIREMENTS

## Captain Johnny D. “J.D.” Biram



On February 1, 2007, Captain Johnny D. “J.D.” Biram traded in his uniform for more casual attire. After a career that spanned more than 28 years and impacted many members of the policing community, he made the decision to retire. He is leaving behind a legacy that covers many facets of Patrol operations, and he will be missed by many friends and co-workers.

J.D. was born in Texas County in 1955. He graduated from Houston High School in 1973, and thanks to the positive influence of local troopers like Larry Southern, knew early on that he wanted a career with the Patrol. He graduated from Missouri Southern State College in 1975, with an associate’s degree in law enforcement administration. In 1977, he graduated from Central Missouri State University (now the University of Central Missouri) with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice administration. He received his master’s degree in criminal justice administration from CMSU (now UCM) in 1978.

J.D. received a letter from Colonel Al Lubker dated May 5, 1978, directing him to arrive at the Academy on August 1, 1978, by 11 a.m. His starting salary was \$1,000 per month, plus a \$25 monthly allowance for uniforms and maintenance. He was assigned badge #618, and graduated from the Academy on December 22, 1978. Trooper Biram soon transferred to Zone 10, Marshfield.

While assigned to Troop D, J.D. must have either handed out his business card to EVERY stranded motorist he met, or had a network of friends who called him to change their flat tires. A look through his personnel file revealed several letters of commendation for assisting stranded motorists, people at accident scenes, and for speaking at public functions. His likeable personality instantly came through to all he came in contact with while working the road.

In 1988, the Patrol purchased a small fleet of Ford Mustangs to patrol the highways. J.D. was one of the fortunate few who was able to call one of the Mustangs his rolling office. Later in his career, he proudly displayed a framed photo of his Mustang in his office ... and did so until the day he retired.

On April 15, 1990, J.D. accepted an instructor’s position within the Training Division, where he remained for the rest of his career. He was promoted to the rank of corporal on October 1, 1990; sergeant on October 1, 1992; lieutenant on September 1, 1997; and captain on October 1, 2000.

Of course, J.D. helped steer the direction of the Patrol by being a member of or advisor to numerous committees. He was a long-standing member of the Strategic Planning Committee, as well as the Training Committee. As the director of the Academy, he attended many meetings outside the Patrol, such as the Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) committee meetings. His insight and concern for the future of training will have positive, far-reaching effects on all police officer training around the state for many years to come.

During his career, J.D. was also involved in many other assignments. He participated in no less than four manhunts, the state fair detail (where he fondly remembers being singled out for special attention because he had inadvertently failed to properly display the appropriate and mandatory bumper sticker on his beloved Mustang), the Kansas City fireman’s

strike, and the University of Missouri football detail. He conducted back-ground investigations, and was a field training officer, a zone marijuana eradicator, and a troop reconstructionist. He attended several professional development seminars relating to accident investigations and other matters relating to traffic safety.

J.D. has always enjoyed his off-duty time, and has always preached to the recruits to develop hobbies outside of the job to keep life balanced. When he retired, he joked that he had all of his money wrapped up in cars and houses. One of the last get-togethers some Academy staff members had with him before he retired and moved away was putting a VERY heavy convertible top back onto his old Chevrolet Blazer. If he didn’t have so many friends, that top might have been sold with his house when he moved!

When J.D. traveled to the troops in 1999, to give an ethics class, he stated he had two goals at that time. One of them was he wanted to be so old when he passed away, that when the teletype is issued, people would say, “Who the heck was that guy?” He has made such a positive impression on the Patrol, it is difficult to imagine that either he or his legacy of fairness and respect will be forgotten. Whenever you said to someone in conversation the name “J.D.”, everyone knew who you were talking about. There was never a need to attach the last name.

The most notable things he will be remembered for is his ability to make instant friends and try new things. J.D. could walk into a classroom and have the students laughing and at ease within minutes. He was always willing to try new things with his students, whether they were recruits, current employees, or students from outside entities.

He will continue to utilize these talents in retirement. Among other things, he will travel around the country teaching for the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.



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He has worked for Northwestern for many years, and has developed excellent professional contacts for the Patrol.

J.D. has been married to his lovely wife, Jackie, for more than 26 years. They moved to Ozark, MO, after J.D.'s retirement. Jackie is a driver's examiner in Troop D. They have two children, daughter, Christa, and son, Cory. Both J.D. and Jackie will continue to work to fund their hobbies, as well as an occasional trip to a sunny locale.

Everyone at the Academy, as well as many others in his circle of friends, want to wish J.D. the best in his retirement. (Good luck, Jackie!)

By the way, have you ever wondered what "J.D." stands for?

## Lt. David E. Bailey



After nearly 30 years of dedicated service to the taxpayers of Missouri, Lt. David E. Bailey, Troop G, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Willow Springs, has retired.

David was appointed on May 1, 1977, not as a trooper, but as a commercial vehicle enforcement inspector, as they were called at that time, at Troop E, Poplar Bluff. On January 1, 1984, he started his career in law enforcement, reporting for training at the Patrol Academy in Jefferson City. A member of the 56th Recruit Class, David graduated and was assigned to Portageville, MO, in Troop E. In July 1986, he transferred to Troop G, Zone 6, Thayer, MO.

David was promoted to the rank of corporal and took over the duties of assistant zone supervisor in his home zone, comprised of southern Howell County and all of Oregon County. In 1997, David was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was lucky enough to make it in the same zone, so a move was not necessary. In 2001, David was promoted to lieutenant at Troop G Headquarters, Willow Springs.

David's children: daughter, Robin Pope, and son, Brandon Bailey, reside in West Plains. He also is the proud grandparent of three.

Upon retirement, David plans on taking the plunge and building a new home, raising some cattle, and doing some traveling. One who enjoys outdoor activities, he will no doubt be teaching his grandchildren to golf, hunt, and fish. Someone needs to warn the duck population they are in peril of dwindling in numbers when David decides to go after them. A member of Duck's Unlimited, he has had the duck habit for some time now.

One of my most fond memories of Lt. Bailey," said Lead Radio Personnel Robert S. "Bob" Chaney, "was the time he was kidding me about cutting my uniform tie off if I didn't straighten it out. I just smiled and dared him. (Something I would advise everyone not to do with him.) Now, I won't say he did or didn't, but the next day I was on the phone with supply ordering a new black tie for my communications uniform. I still have two pieces of tie, and plan on mailing them to him at a later date for a laugh."

A retirement coffee was held at Troop G. It was well attended by Patrol personnel, both active and retired, and of course area friends and his family. A hilarious PowerPoint presentation was enjoyed by all, courtesy of Lt. Dwayne Isringhausen. David was presented with a Scoobie Doo fishing pole (later, he got the nice one), and a beanie (a private joke, apparently), along with his numerous plaques for his many accomplishments as a member of the Patrol.

David is respected and admired by all who know and worked with him.

His friends and associates all wish him a very prosperous and relaxing retirement.

## Sgt. Thomas L. Gray



Sergeant Thomas L. "Tom" Gray retired on February 1, 2007, with over 33 years of distinguished service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. On Friday, February 2, many of his friends, co-workers, and former crime fighters gathered at Troop A Headquarters to share stories and memorable moments, and to bid him a fond farewell.

Tom was born on April 4, 1950, in Doc Martin's office in Odessa, MO. He is the son of James and Anna Margaret Gray who reside in Odessa. Tom and his wife, Bev, have been married for 16 years. He has three children: a son, Darrick, teaches science, biology, and physics at Raymore/Peculiar High School; a daughter, Danielle, who works at KC Metro Auto Auction and Reece Nichols Realty; and a stepson, Regan, who is a pre-med student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Tom has one sister, Emma Lou Specker, of Odessa, MO; two grandchildren; and one stepgrandchild.

Tom graduated from Odessa High School in 1968. He lettered two years in football as a tight end and defensive end for the Odessa bulldogs. Following graduation, Tom worked for Allis Chalmers in Independence

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## — Gray

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where he loaded farm machinery onto railcars. He also worked for a heavy construction company where he helped build the portion of U.S. Highway 50 that runs in front of Troop A Headquarters. Tom helped with the construction of Arrowhead Stadium (the loudest stadium in the NFL) way back when it was just a big hole in the ground.

Tom was a member of the 42nd Recruit Class, which began its training on November 1, 1973, at the Patrol Academy in Jefferson City. His first assignment was Troop A, Zone 5, Clay/Platte counties. His field training officer was Trooper Bill Bell. Tom was just getting comfortable working the road when Captain Bill Smith, commanding officer of Troop F, requested Tom's assistance with an undercover assignment in Columbia, MO. Shortly thereafter, the Kansas City Police Department requested Tom's assistance with an undercover investigation of a deli that was located across the street from their headquarters. Fearing one of their officers would be recognized, the Kansas City Police Department needed an unfamiliar face with undercover experience. Tom said the six-month investigation in Kansas City just snowballed and took on a life of its own. In February 1984, Tom became the first person outside the Kansas City Missouri Police department to receive the prestigious "Baton" plaque and a certificate of commendation for his investigative work that included organized crime figures in Kansas City.

Tom worked the 1976 Republican Convention that was held in Kansas City. On January 1, 1982, he was promoted to corporal. Tom was an original member of Troop A's Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) organized in 1982. He transferred to DDCC on October 1, 1984, and was promoted to sergeant on January 1, 1987. He assisted the FBI and the Kansas City Police Department with numerous investigations throughout

his career. Tom received the Troop A Officer of the Year award in 1981, and was named Missouri Peace Officer of the Year in 1984. Tom also presided as president of the Missouri Narcotics Officers Association (MNOA) during 2003 and 2004.

Tom said the two things that influenced his decision to pursue a career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol were the professional appearance of the officers and the respect people had for the Highway Patrol. He is well known and respected by many officers throughout the law enforcement community. Tom has always been known as a person who stayed focused on his job and one who could be trusted. THANK YOU, Tom, for your commitment to making Missouri a better place to live! You will be missed, but not forgotten.

Enjoy a long retirement!

## Chief Robert L. Wehmer



You have heard the old saying, "Anyone is replaceable." Ninety-nine percent of the time they are ... Then, there is the retirement of probably one of the best chief operators the Missouri State Highway Patrol has ever had. He has been replaced, by-the-way, but the retirement of Troop G Chief Robert L. "Lou" Wehmer will leave a big void in the radio room in Willow Springs, and in the Communications Division.

Those of us who know Lou and have worked by his side for any amount of time will agree that his talents and knowledge on dealing with

people, emergency situations, communications operations, and technology are going to be missed. Admired and respected as a supervisor for over 16 years, Lou retired from the Patrol on February 1, 2007, after 33 years of distinguished and dedicated service.

Lou was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Communications Division on February 1, 1974, and was assigned to Troop E, Poplar Bluff. Fresh from his trek east from Willow Springs to the "Bluff", Lou returned home to marry his high school sweetheart, Cindy Hinds, that September. The two moved into their little trailer, and Lou began his career in law enforcement communications in earnest. Not letting moss grow under his feet at Troop E, Lou requested a transfer to Troop G in Willow Springs in 1975, and was granted his request. Thus, a new chapter in his career started at home in his "native land".

Lou's background in radio started long before the Highway Patrol, as a disc jockey at KUKU radio station. Working after school and on weekends, Lou spun many a record—rock, country, and gospel for the Neathery Network during his high school years right up until his employment with the Highway Patrol. During his time as a broadcaster, Lou found he had a keen interest in the electronics that made radio work and he became a self taught and FCC licensed radio station engineer. His talents as a broadcaster and radio station electrical engineer made him a very valuable asset during his 33-year career. Lou also participated in all aspects of radio station broadcasting—from commercial writing and production to news writing and broadcasting. He also provided hours of musical entertainment. With those years of broadcasting and experience came many stories and funny happenings. Lou was always eager to share those stories, providing many laughs to all of us.

"When I first came on the Highway Patrol, we used Underwood manual typewriters, carbon paper for duplicate copies, and checked car li-



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censes for registration information in books. Information on stolen cars came from a single MULES terminal we also used to check driver's licenses. MULES was new then, and wasn't online a lot of the time," said Lou. "Antiquated Motorola radios and radar guns were the extent of the communication-related equipment in the car with the officers, and simple repair and replacement seemed like a breeze. Things have evolved to a very complex radio and computer marriage, and the cars are strewn with equipment requiring books of knowledge and experience to repair and maintain now."

Lou was also an avid ham radio operator and spent many hours conversing with other "hams" all over the world.

Lou's photography skills benefited us all, with many events and historical documentation on film and digitized for the future generations to enjoy. I can't begin to tell you how many electronic and computer repairs he made for people at no charge, of the many midnight shifts he worked for others so they could enjoy time off or to cover for them during illness. Then, there were the many weddings and birthday parties and special events he would videotape for others and would refuse to take anything for his time.

The fast paced world of police communications gave Lou its blessing and he continued to learn and develop as a communications officer. He was promoted in February 1989 to assistant chief. Lou took his duties seriously and continued his training in all aspects of radio communications and computers ... the way of the future they said. Lou has seen many changes in his 33 years. During these years, Lou participated in many Patrol enforcements and investigations, such as: the CSA standoff in Ozark County, National Governor's Conference, the John Brown and David Tate manhunts, Gordon Winrod standoff, Taum Sauk dam failure, and the Troop G tower collapse. Those are just a few of the occurrences in which his experience and expertise made a differ-

ence. Lou worked with the Troop D SERT (now SWAT), also.

Lou always said he was lucky to have a tenured group of operators working for him. Together, with this team of operators having over a hundred years of experience, he was able to maintain the equipment and personnel in a second-to-none fashion for another two years through his promotion to chief in July 1991. For the next 16 years as chief, many more changes in command and operations took place in the Communications Division. Implementation of several generations of computers, software and its associated peripherals, radios, in-car video systems, and radar units kept Lou and his "gang" busy. His final 15 years seemed to fly by until his retirement this past February. A well attended retirement coffee was held in the basement of Troop G Headquarters on January 29.

Lou and Cindy will continue to reside in their home in Hutton Valley. They have two daughters, Amanda Jane Perkins, who is employed with Troop G as a clerk typist, and Emily, who is 12 and attends Willow Springs Middle School. Amanda and her husband, Matt, live in Willow Springs. The family attends Pomona Christian Church where Lou is active in the church's video and audio productions. Lou is very active in the betterment of his local community and no doubt will be a positive influence in the future of Willow Springs and its development. Lou will continue his hobbies which involve photography, horseback riding, canoeing the area rivers and creeks, Civil War research, and writing another book or two. Lou's main hobby is gardening. He has a couple of greenhouses and grows a big garden every year.

When asked how his retirement was going this past week, he smiled broadly, let out a big breath and said, "Well, Bob, it is like this: Imagine going on vacation, that good feeling knowing you're leaving all your cares behind for a week or two. Then, imagine the vacation doesn't have to end ..."

Some people may be forgotten or rarely remembered after they retire and leave government service. This won't happen in the case of Chief Lou Wehmer. He has left his indelible mark on us all. We all wish him and Cindy the very best in retirement.

*(Editor's Note: Thank you to Lead Radio Personnel Robert Chaney, Troop G, for this article.)*

## Asst. Chief Tele. Eng. M. Wayne Clinesmith



After over 26 years of faithful service to the citizens of Missouri, Assistant Chief Telecommunications Engineer M. Wayne Clinesmith retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on January 1, 2007.

Wayne was born in St. Joseph, and moved to Kansas City, MO, at the age of five. He graduated from North Kansas City High School in 1968. After high school, Wayne worked full time selling shoes in Kansas City. Prior to his employment with the Patrol, he worked two years for the Liberty Police Department, was a disc jockey, and then worked as a detective for the Clay County Sheriff's Department. While working for the sheriff's department, Wayne attended Maple Woods College and earned an associate's degree in criminal justice.

Wayne began his career with the Patrol on September 1, 1980, and was assigned to Troop H as a radio tele-

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## —Clinesmith

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communications technical engineer. In 1982, he transferred to Troop A and spent the next 11 years of his career there. While at Troop A, he became the first radio operator to be assigned to the Troop A SERT (now SWAT). Wayne says when he started with the SERT they were assigned a Chevrolet Suburban, and he would ride with the team to the calls in the Suburban. The time he spent with the SERT created many fond memories of which he is proud. Wayne returned to Troop H, and in 1993 was promoted to assistant chief telecommunications engineer for Troop H. He also became the troop trainer. On average, he hosted six MULES events each year at the troop headquarters. Wayne was also the master of ceremonies for three MULES conferences in Jefferson City.

Wayne is married to Karen (O'Brien), of Kansas City, MO. The Clinesmith's have two children: Jason and Christy. They also have a grandson who is spoiled on a regular basis.

Since his retirement, Wayne is spending a lot of time with his grandson and doing chores around the house. Karen and Wayne built their Platte County home in 1996. It sits on 16 acres where deer and turkey are a common sight from the windows in the back of their home. Besides chores, Wayne works for the KCI Hilton driving a shuttle bus on a part-time basis. He transports flight crews and hotel guests to and from the Kansas City area while they stay at the hotel.

Over the years, Wayne has become well known to many employees of the Patrol for a variety of reasons. First, he played guitar in a band that performed at numerous Patrol functions. Second, he fixes a mean brownie—just ask some of the folks at the Radio Shop and at the Academy. In Troop H, Wayne is also known for his off-duty heroics. In the summer 2006, he stopped to help a Platte County deputy who was fighting to control a subject who was under ar-

rest. In November 2006, Wayne and his family witnessed a bank robbery in Platte County. As the robber made his getaway, the Clinesmith family followed the robbers and called Troop A communications to report the crime. The Clinesmith family continued behind the bank robbers until a Platte City motorcycle officer made a car stop on the suspects. These types of experiences have earned him the coveted term "Wayne's World".

Wayne enjoys spending more time with his grandson and family in his retirement and not working mid-nights. He also volunteers his time at the American Cancer Society, working with the "Relay For Life". Wayne wanted to thank all of the employees he has worked with over the years. These friendships are very special to him.

The employees of Troop H wish the very best for Wayne and his family in his retirement. We also will anxiously wait to hear about the next chapter of "Wayne's World".

## Crim. Intel. Analyst II Gail J. Paceley



Criminal Intelligence Analyst II Gail J. Paceley is retiring effective February 1, 2007, after 27 years of service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Gail's career began when she reported to the Patrol in the Motor Vehicle Bureau on May 7, 1979. She was employed with the Motor Vehicle

Bureau until 1985, when she transferred to the Division of Drug and Crime Control. Gail completed her career as a criminal intelligence analyst, assigned to the Division of Drug and Crime Control and working in the Missouri Information Analysis Center.

Gail was born in Pittsburgh, PA. Gail graduated from William Woods College in Fulton, MO, with a bachelor's degree. Gail resides in Jefferson City, MO.

Enjoy your retirement, Gail!

## Asst. Dir. L. June Baker



*By Assistant Director L. June Baker, Q/CRID*

These last 12 years with the Highway Patrol have definitely been action packed. I want to personally thank everyone I have worked with through these years for their dedication and friendship. The work has always been interesting and challenging—not one day was the same.

I came to the Highway Patrol in March 1995. I began my Patrol career in the Criminal Records and Identification Division when there were 31 employees assigned to the division. Currently, the division has positions for 119 employees. The years a person spends working for an agency go by all too quickly, and mostly without us giving much thought to the passing of our lives. But, I can assure you not one day passed while working at the Patrol that I didn't have the Patrol and the employees' best interests at heart. It has been a privilege to work



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## Stenographer III Helen J. Cash



with a family of people who, besides being dedicated to their jobs, were also people who allowed me to be their friend. To each and every one of you I want to say, "Thank you."

I had 16 prior years in state government at the Department of Public Safety, director's office assigned to the Peace Officer Standards and Training Division. It was scary making that transition in my career; yet, I never regretted the decision to work for the Patrol. I can say with mixed feelings I leave all that I have worked for to a new adventure in my life spending more time with family ... especially with grandchildren. I also look forward to becoming more involved in my church, spending time with my mother, doing some traveling, reading, and keeping in touch with friends.

I am married to retired Missouri State Highway Patrol Captain B. Chris Baker, who is employed with the Missouri Gaming Commission. We have two lovely daughters. Kristen White is married to Captain Marvin White, United States Marine Corps, and Melissa Jaegers is married to Officer Bryan Jaegers, Olathe, Kansas, Police Department. Chris and I have six grandchildren: Chris, Leah, Elena, and Gideon White, and Brennen and Andrew Jaegers.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a productive and enjoyable career and thank each one of you who touched my life in a positive way.

Putting the exclamation mark on nearly four decades of service, Troop G Stenographer III Helen J. Cash retired from the Patrol on February 1, 2007.

The year was 1967 when Helen embarked on her career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Some 40 years later, she has written about every kind of report, done every sort of clerk typist or secretarial job in law enforcement, and worked for every captain Troop G has ever had. Helen has seen many changes in her job, the biggest being the onset of the computer age and the change from manual typewriters and carbon paper to printing out multiple reports with the push of one button (not to mention the retirement of "White-Out" and stamps to delete buttons and postage meters).

Helen is retiring as a Stenographer III, and a very competent one indeed! Many an accident and investigation report went through her hands. She will be hard to replace, as many years of experience goes with her.

Helen was born in Buckhart, MO, and moved to Mountain View, AR. There, she met and married her husband, Dallas. After moving to Willow Springs and starting a family, Helen applied and was appointed to Troop G, Willow Springs, where she spent her entire career. She has three sons: retired Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor Billy Joe "B.J." Cash, of Willow Springs; Theodore "Teddy" Cash, of Mountain Grove; and Sonny Cash, of Jefferson City. Helen has four grandchildren: Carson, Chris, Amanda, and Jasmine, along with four great grandchildren.

Helen comes from a family of sportsmen, but she herself was quite an angler with two very large trophy bass on her walls to prove it! Then, there was the turkey calling contest where she won several first place titles here in Missouri, and garnered a second place at the turkey calling nationals in Yellville, AR. While retired she plans on spending a lot of time with family and friends, taking an occasional trip to Tunica, and just enjoying not having to get up in the morning and go to work.

Helen's smiles and cheerful disposition will be missed by her co-workers, who all wish her a very happy and healthy retirement!

## Kliethermes Earns Certification

**By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED**

Criminalist III Dawn Kliethermes, Q/CLD, achieved latent print certification with the International Association for Identification. She is one of two certified latent print examiners currently working for the Patrol, and the first to achieve certification while employed here. This certifica-

tion is a professional achievement that signifies Criminalist Kliethermes' expertise in latent print examination.

The International Association for Identification established a Latent Print Certification Board at their annual meeting in August 1977. This board provides a program of certification in latent print examination in the

interest of the public and the criminal justice system. Certification is based upon the candidate's personal and professional record of education, training, experience, and achievement, as well as on the results of a formal examination (written, practical, and review of one court case). The examination is very challenging, and only 48.7 percent of the applicants pass the test.

Congratulations, Criminalist Kliethermes!

# NEW EMPLOYEES



Rodney S. Bexten  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CRID



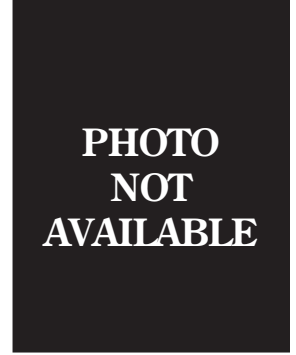
Karna N. Cobb  
Clerk Typist II  
Troop A



Dorothy R. Cosey  
DE I  
Troop C



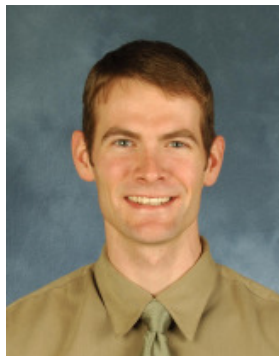
James L. Davis  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint.  
II  
Q/CMD



Raymond C. Escue  
DE I  
Troop A



Amanda J. Flippin  
AFIS Entry Oper. I  
Q/CRID



Douglas T. Frank  
Criminal Intel. Analyst II  
Q/DDCC



Richard L. Hagenhoff  
Cook Sprv.  
Q/TND



Leena C. Harris  
DE I  
Troop D



Paulacynth A. Henry  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CRID



Travis J. Holtmeyer  
Criminal Intel. Analyst I  
Q/DDCC



Victoria J. Mitchem  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/HRD



Tamara A. Richardson  
DE I  
Troop C



Brandon L. Riddle  
Clerk Typist I  
Troop D



# NEW EMPLOYEES



Christina L. Smith  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/MVI



Mark D. Statun Jr.  
MVII  
Troop C

*April*

April 15

April 15

April 20

- **Tpr. J.E. Linegar** died in 1985.
- **Class B uniform.**
- **Tpr. R.C. Tatoian** died in 2005.

## Anniversaries

*Note: The following employees are marking a notable anniversary of service with the agency.*

### April

25 years

Scale Maint. Tech. Jeffrey E.  
Rook, Q/CVE

20 years

Chief CVO Denise K. Henson,  
Troop C

10 years

Auto. Tech. III Sean D. Jacobs,  
Troop A  
Telecom. Samuel G. Rayfield,  
Troop I

5 years

DE III Sally L. Enderle, Troop C  
Radio Personnel Patrick B.  
Euans, Troop I  
Radio Personnel Christopher R.  
Nicholson, Troop H  
CIT I Charles A. Stephan,  
Q/ISD  
CVO II Eric D. Cornman,  
Troop C  
DE III Darren E. Turner,  
Troop F  
Telecom. Deborah J. Foster,  
Troop E

Prob. Radio Personnel Mary A.  
Nelson, Troop E  
DE III Percy S. Childs, Troop C  
CITS I Mathew E. Hodgen,  
Q/ISD  
Radio Personnel Lindsay M.  
Williams, Troop F

### May

30 years

Lt. James E. McNiell, Troop E

25 years

Sgt. Roger D. Shikles, Troop F

20 years

Chief DE Rebecca J. Strain,  
Troop G

10 years

MVI III Michael A. Dale, Troop A  
AFIS Entry Oper. III Tricia A.  
Faherty, Q/CRID  
Housekeeper III Mary A. Kuhn,  
Troop A

5 years

Crim. Hist. Tech. II Carrie A.  
Boessen, Q/CRID

Clerk Typist III Marlene M.  
Fraley, Troop A  
CVO Sprv. I Randall K. Cooper,  
Troop E  
CVO Sprv. I Troy F. Graham,  
Troop H  
CVO Sprv. I Don M. Hux,  
Troop H  
CVO II Jimmy D. Reid, Troop I  
CVO Sprv. I Anthony W. Urban,  
Troop H  
DE II Susan Hall, Troop E  
CVO Sprv. I Darrin R. Haslag,  
Troop F  
CVO II Brian C. Sanders,  
Troop A  
CVO II Randy J. Tillman,  
Troop E  
UCR Trainer/Qual. Assur. Aud.  
Dean H. Milne, Q/CRID  
CIT II Michelle L. Ausloos,  
Q/ISD  
CIT III Jessica L. Moyer, Q/ISD

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## Oral W. "Woody" Mitchell



Retired Radio Operator Oral W. "Woody" Mitchell died on Monday, January 1, 2007, while a patient at Ozarks Medical Center in West Plains. Woody, as he was known to family and friends, was born on November 1, 1916, in the small community of Thomasville, MO, to Emery and Mamie Mitchell. He was 90 years old.

Woody had made Willow Springs his home since 1958. He made a career of dispatching and radio operation for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop G. He retired in 1980 after a long and distinguished career as one of the troop's original operators. One of Woody's favorite affiliations was his 50-year membership at the Masonic Lodge in Koshkonong, MO.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gladys Mitchell, on June 8, 1960.

Woody is survived by his wife of 42 years, Clara Mitchell, of Willow Springs; his son, Michael Mitchell, and his wife, Margo, of Santa Cruz, CA; stepchildren: Wayne Whitbey, of St. Louis, MO, and Carolyn Brown and her husband, Raymond, of Lexington, KY.

Woody is further survived by his grandchildren: Bradly Mitchell, of Santa Cruz, CA, Julie Mitchell, of Gilroy, CA, Cheryl Strunk, Angela Morrison, and Philip Brown, all of Lexington, KY, and Shanna Brody, of St. Louis, MO; and eight great-grandchildren.

Woody and his wife, Clara, attended the First Baptist Church of Willow Springs and rarely—if ever—missed a service.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 5, 2007, at the First Baptist Church of Willow Springs. Woody was laid to rest in Koshkonong Cemetery in Koshkonong, MO.

Patrol employees offer their sincerest sympathy to the Mitchell family.

## Bobbie G. Lober



Bobbie Gene Lober, 69, of St. Joseph, died on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at his home.

Bobbie was born on March 24, 1937, in Weston, MO, to Henry Clay Lober and Mary Josephine Williams (Brown). He attended Benton High School in St. Joseph. Bobbie married Frances E. Tuck on August 28, 1959, in St. Joseph. They divorced on June 9, 1978. He married Linda J. Stout in Princeton, MO, on March 21, 1979. They divorced on July 13, 2001.

Bobbie entered the U.S. Navy in December 1955, and was discharged on September 20, 1962. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves from August 22, 1964, to July 9, 1965; and in the Missouri Air National Guard from July 10, 1965, to Jan. 27, 1968.

Bobbie was appointed to the Missouri Highway Patrol on February 1, 1968, and retired on July 1, 1992. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge Aries No. 49, St. Joseph; and American Legion Post No. 359, St. Joseph.

Bobbie was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Glen Dale Lober; and his sister, Susie Puckett.

He is survived by two sons: Darrell (and his wife, Beth), and Kevin (and his wife, Brenda), all of Cameron, MO; two daughters: Cathie Lober; and Cindy Harkins (and her husband, Danny), all of Trenton, MO; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Friday, Feb. 2, at Vaughn Funeral Home in Weston. Interment, with military honors, was in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Weston. The family suggests contributions be given to the American Cancer Society.

## Vernon T. Fischer



Retired Technical Field Engineer Vernon T. Fischer, 76, of Rocky Mount, MO, died Friday, January 12, 2007, at the Lake Regional Hospital, Lake Ozark, MO. He was born November 15, 1930, in Jefferson City, MO, the son of Arthur and Emma Engelbrecht Fischer, both deceased.

He was married on August 17, 1954, in St. Louis, MO, to Eunice Vanderfelt, who preceded him in death on July 17, 2003. A lifelong resident of the central Missouri area, Vernon graduated from Jefferson City High School. He served in the Missouri National Guard.

Vernon was employed as a radio tower inspector with the Missouri Department of Conservation from 1953 until 1954. From 1955 until his retirement on May 1, 1990, he was



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employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, retiring as a technical field engineer.

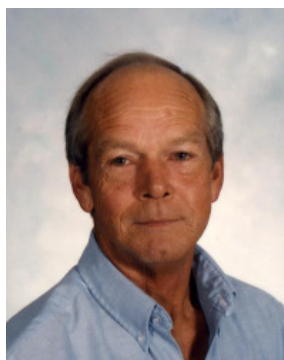
He was a member of the Christ The King Lutheran Church in Lake Ozark, MO; a member of the Amateur Radio Club; and a member of the Blacksmith's Association of Missouri. Vernon received his ham radio license in the early 1950s and his call letters were WOUFG. He was a stained glass artist, and enjoyed wood and metal working, photography, blacksmithing, lapidary, and silversmithing. He was knowledgeable in computers and computer technology.

Survivors include: one daughter, Lynn Wissman, and her husband, Jeff, of Rocky Mount, MO; and one son, Michael Fischer, of Columbia, MO.

A memorial service was conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2007, at the Christ The King Lutheran Church, Lake Ozark, with the Reverend Ronald Lehenbauer officiating. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Christ The King Lutheran Church Building Fund.

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## Alan D. Baker



Alan Dale Baker, 65, of Jefferson City, MO, died on Monday, January 15, 2007, at his home. He was born October 3, 1941, in Chamois, MO, the son of the late Evert and Lucille Baker.

He was inducted in the United States Army on September 22, 1966, and was on active duty until August 2, 1968, which included service in Vietnam. Alan retired from the Missouri

State Highway Patrol's Budget and Procurement Division in 2002, and was most recently employed by Carroll Rehman Motors in Linn, MO.

He married his wife, Theresa (Sharp) Baker, on March 20, 1993. She survives at the home. Survivors also include: one son, Gregory A. Baker, of Columbia, MO; two stepsons: Curtis and Tony Sharp, of Jonesboro, AR; and two stepdaughters: Cindy Thoenen, of Jefferson City, MO, and Angie Castleman, of Hallsville, MO; as well as brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great nieces and nephews. Alan enjoyed being outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

Graveside services and interment with military honors were conducted at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, January 18, 2007, at Hawthorn Memorial Gardens with the Reverend James Gearhart officiating. Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Mary's Hospice Foundation.

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## Chester J. Baker



Chester J. Baker, 83, of Trenton, died Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at Wright Memorial Hospital in Trenton, MO.

Mr. Baker was born May 7, 1923, in Hamilton, MO, to Chester Abram and Winnifred Cox Baker. He graduated from Hamilton High School. On August 14, 1942, he was united in marriage to Madonna Potts in Nettleton. From 1943 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Army in

the European Theater. In 1952, Mr. Baker was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He retired from the Patrol in 1985 at the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Baker served on the Trenton City Council and was on the city police board at the time of his death. He was a member of First Baptist Church, the VFW, and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Allen Wayne Baker.

Survivors include: His wife, Madonna, of the home; a son, Neil Baker (and his wife, Cindy), of Hamilton; a brother, Robert Baker (and his wife, Virginia), of Hamilton; a granddaughter, Paige Lund (and her husband, David), of Hamilton; a grandson Chad Baker (and his wife, Kristie), of Slidell, LA; stepdaughters Stacie Ireland (and her husband, Kevin) of Trenton, and Candice Hanks (and her husband, Lee), of Gower, MO; a stepgrandson, Nathan Schaeffer (and his wife, Crystal), of Hamilton; great grandchildren: Trevor, Trey, Tessa, Kaitlyn, and Maison; and six step great grandchildren: Taurren, Trisha, Trent, Allyson, Natalie Jo, and Peyton.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, January 20, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Trenton, MO, with the Rev. Denny Chestnut officiating. Burial was at Highland Cemetery in Trenton, MO. Memorial contributions may be sent to the First Baptist Church Mission Fund.

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## May

May 8

● **Truman's birthday.**

May 13-19

● **National Police Week.**

May 17

● **Sgt. D.C. May** died in 1999.

May 22

● **Tpr. M.L. Newton** died in 2003.

May 28

● **Memorial Day.**

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## Alfred W. Andres



Retired Electrician II Alfred W. Andres, 84, of Henley, MO, died on Friday, February 2, 2007, at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born July 20, 1922, in Mary's Home, MO, the son of Joseph and Mary Schulte Andres.

Alfred attended elementary school at Our Lady of the Snows School, Klindt School, and Sanning School in the Mary's Home community, as well as one year in St. Louis. He was married on December 16, 1950, in Harrison, AR, to Helen Goetz. In their 56 years of marriage, they resided in the Eugene and Brazito area.

Alfred was a World War II Army veteran. Alfred enlisted in March 1944. He received his basic training in Camp Blanding, FL. In May 1944, he was sent to Europe as part of the 44th Armored Division of the 2nd Infantry Regiment. He saw his first action in the D-Day invasion. He was part of the European campaign in France, Holland, and Belgium. He served as a head machine gunner until January 5, 1945, when he was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. When he had recovered from his injuries, the European armistice had been signed and he continued to serve in a vehicle deployment compound in France.

Alfred grew up farming. In his teen years, he worked on local farms as well as on farms in Nebraska. He later owned and operated his own farm. He was a self-taught veterinarian. He also broke and trained horses for farm work and for riding. He competed in both horse shows and ro-

deos. In the 1950s, he was the manager of the Eugene MFA. He later worked at Capital Supply Company and as electrician with the IBEW. In 1971, he began work as an electrician for the Missouri State Highway Patrol from which he retired in 1987. Throughout his adult life, Alfred was also self-employed as an electrician, plumber, and doing pump service work.

He was a lifelong member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary's Home, MO. He served on the Eugene Telephone Board and Town Council. He was a founding member of the Brazito Honey Creek Lions. He was a member of DAV, Chapter 17.

Survivors include: his wife, Helen; two daughters: Clarine Hart and her husband, Cledis, of Henley, and Myrna Andres, of Jefferson City, and Myrna's fiancé Todd Phillips, of Eldon; one grandson, Travis Hart; and Todd's children: Jeremiah, Gabrielle, and Heidi Phillips; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother, Ambrose Andres; two brothers, George Andres and Eugene Andres; and six sisters, Francis Newman, Sophie Schweiss, Lucille Schultz, Ida Schwaller, Anna Tellman, and Betty Tellman.

Burial with full military honors was in the Immanuel Lutheran (Honey Creek) Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Mary's Home, or the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 17, Monticello Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

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## Norman E. "Gene" Tinnin



Retired Captain Norman E. (Gene) Tinnin, 84, died Sunday, February 4, 2007, in Jefferson City, MO. Gene graduated from the Fredericktown High School and attended the University of Missouri. In 1943, Gene entered the 17th Airborne Division of the United States Army and was deployed to the European theater in 1944.

During his service he was awarded the Combat Infantry badge; Expert Marksmanship, Rifle, and Machine Gun Award; Parachutist Wings; Gliderman Wings; Bronze Star with cluster; three battle stars representing the three major battles; and an arrow for airborne landing behind enemy lines in 1945 in Wesel, Germany. During his tour, he was a member of the Glider Division of the 17th Airborne. He finished his service in the honor guard of the 82nd Airborne Division in Berlin in 1945.

In 1949, Gene joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol, serving in Haiti, Lebanon, Rolla, before being named troop commander of Troop F, Jefferson City. He retired as a captain, assigned to General Headquarters, in 1982. Gene was probably most fond of his days patrolling the old Route 66 in the Lebanon area from 1950 until 1958 when it was replaced by Interstate 44. During a routine traffic stop on Rt. 66 in 1957, Gene encountered a young man who, unbeknownst to him, had recently killed his cousin in Chicago and was now on the run. During

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Never eat more  
than you can lift.

—Miss Piggy



## —Tinnin

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the stop, the man pulled a pistol and shot Gene four times. After a man-hunt, the man was captured east of Lebanon near the community of Sleeper, MO.

In Gene's retirement, he spent a great deal of time working for the bet-

terment of the 17th Airborne Association and served in a leadership capacity for them. He was proud of his service to his country and his state, and was always quick to tell a story or visit about his days on the Patrol and in the military. He loved to fish and took numerous, lengthy trips to Florida and Alaska to "thin the fish population" of both states.

# DDCC Remembers Our Troops

***By Clerical Services Sprv. Kerry L. Bax, DDCC***

Employees of DDCC continue to remember the troops in Iraq, especially during the Christmas season. This year, employees of DDCC donated many items such as food, batteries, paper supplies, compact discs, etc., to the Headquarters Platoon C Co. 1-34 Armor who are stationed in Balad, Iraq. Some of the members of the platoon do not have someone to regularly send them supplies and other items from home. And, often times, as the length of time persists, troops and their needs are forgotten about, as people become busy dealing with their own day-to-day business. Some of the items were wrapped in Christmas paper so the members of the troops would be able to experience a little bit of "Christmas from home". Even though the donations were for every member of the platoon, one special member is SSG. Josh Conklin (son of Lieutenant Sid Conklin).



*The Headquarters Platoon C Co. 1-34 Armor forwarded a "Thank you" photo to DDCC. SSG. Josh Conklin is in the front row, last person on the right.*

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# Thank You

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers we received during the loss of my niece. Your thoughtfulness during this sad time in our lives was—and always will be—greatly appreciated and remembered.

*MVI Inspector III Janna Clamme  
Troop I*

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Joe and I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, and financial gifts, following his injuries, which occurred while he was serving in Iraq. He was so very proud to be serving our country in its fight to ensure our nation's future freedom and to establish the rights of others to also be free. He was always aware of the impending dangers, but realized it was his duty to stand in harm's way during this important struggle. It has meant so much to our family to know there are so many who have stood behind us following the many surgical procedures. We hope the surgeries help Joe to regain some normalcy to his life.

*Cpl. Christine A. Bogart & family  
Troop I*

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My family and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers following the death of my father-in-law. Our family appreciates—and will always remember—the support and assistance during this sad period of time.

*Sgt. Dan J. Crain & family  
Troop I*

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My family and I wish to thank everyone from the Patrol family for their support following my father's death. The visits, flowers, memorial

gifts, and garden statue are all greatly appreciated.

*CIT Spec. I Mark A. Blume  
Q/ISD*

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*To Our Patrol Family & Friends,*

John and I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the generous Christmas gift given to us by our Patrol family. The gift came at a time when it was greatly needed. We can never repay your kindness and generosity. The Patrol family has always been there for those in need. That is the Patrol I love, respect, and believe in. Your prayers, telephone calls, cards, and letters have helped our family get through a difficult time. Friendships like these can never be replaced. You have touched our hearts in a way that will have a lasting effect on not only John and I, but also our extended families. I have always believed we are all in this together, no matter what color uniform we wear or what troop we work in. Your generosity and concern is proof there are no boundaries for love.

*Thank you,  
Mr. John and DE Chief Suzette  
Dunnigan*

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*Dear Patrol Family,*

I would like to thank all those who visited me while I was in the hospital in Cape Girardeau and Sikeston recovering from a broken right hip suffered when I fell. I wish to thank those who sent cards, made phone calls, and sent e-mails. That helped me recover when I saw how many still remembered me. I would especially like to thank all for the prayers for my healing.

After four months of acute therapy I am now walking with a cane and was released from my surgeon.

Dr. Ritter was extremely surprised that my leg and hip strength was as strong as it is. He did not believe I would be able to walk this soon.

*Ret. Sgt. Harvey R. and Linda  
Harris*

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On behalf of the Gene Tinnin family, I want to express our sincere appreciation for the support extended during my dad's illness and death. Dad "bled blue" his entire adult life and that remained true right up until the end. Special thanks to the Troop F Honor Guard and the pallbearers who served during the visitation and funeral. The expressions of support have been very much appreciated.

*Sgt. Timothy R. Tinnin  
Troop F*

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On behalf of our entire family, Deanna and I would like to say thank you for the flowers, cards, kind words of support, and prayers following the death of her father, Bob Krutsinger. Your support and sympathy during our time of sorrow will never be forgotten.

*Major Hugh E. and Deanna  
McKay  
Q/ASB*

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I wish to express my thanks to all who called and sent cards and get well packages during my surgery recovery. I am feeling so much better! Thank you for all your thoughts and get well wishes!

*Quality Control Clerk I Cheryl A.  
Jaegers  
Q/CVE*



# How Others See Us ...

"Dear Captain Ellis,

I am writing to bring to your attention the heroic efforts of Sgt. Nate Ahern to save my life. On Monday, January 8, 2007, I was dining at a Chinese restaurant in Sedalia when my airway became blocked by a piece of crab rangoon. ... Once the other people at the table realized I could not breathe or talk, and was really in trouble, one woman jumped up to perform the Heimlich, but forgot she needed to have me stand up first. She was performing it by hugging around my chair and that was not effective, either. From a few tables away, Sgt. Ahern must have noticed her efforts and quickly came to our table. After ascertaining that I could not speak, he had me stand up. He then performed and repeated the Heimlich until I was able to get air through.

His calm manner and voice were so very reassuring as he told me what

to do and what to expect. He risked his voice by talking to me through the whole ordeal, even though, after recent surgery, he wasn't supposed to be using his voice. I hope his talking on that occasion did not hinder the healing process for his voice. He is to be commended for his caring and professionalism.

... I give thanks for his presence, his quick thinking, and his skill. ... I am firmly convinced that had he not been there at that time, I would not be here on Earth today.

Having grown up in Lee's Summit during the 50s and 60s, I always held great respect for the Highway Patrolmen I saw in our community. Actually, the fathers of several of my friends were patrolmen. Sgt. Ahern certainly commands that same respect. He is a credit to the Highway Patrol and I wanted you to be aware of what a fine

person you have on your staff.

... My family and I will be forever grateful to Sgt. Ahern for his expertise and his willingness to be of assistance in my emergency situation. ... Thank you to the Patrol for hiring and training such quality individuals!

Gratefully,

Cheri Heeren  
Sedalia, MO"

## MSHP

Even if you're on  
the right track,  
you'll get run over if  
you just sit there.

—Will Rogers  
(1879-1935)

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Tpr. Christopher M. Clair (A) - father  
Tpr. Curtis B. Wilt (F) - grandmother  
Chief MVI James W. Watkins (Q/MVI) - mother  
AFIS Entry Oper. III April S. Watkins (Q/CRID) - mother-in-law  
Tpr. Gregory T. Curnes (D) - grandmother  
Tpr. David L. Hughes (Q/GD) - mother  
Sgt. Danny J. Crain (I) - father-in-law  
Ret. Sgt. Jack Boillot - mother  
Telecom. Maria T. Moore (F) - grandfather  
Cpl. Julie A. Scerine (C) - grandfather  
Lead Radio Personnel Terry L. Carroll (I) - mother

Radio Personnel Patrick B. Euans (I) - mother  
Clerk Typist III D. Ann McAllister (E) - mother  
Clerk IV Paula L. Fry (B) - grandmother  
Cpl. Jimmy A. Beckett (D) - father  
Cook III Theresa M. Baker (Q/TND) - husband  
Quality Control Clerk II Laverne L. Baker (Q/TFD) - brother  
Sgt. Norman A. Murphy (C) - father  
Cpl. Jeffrey G. Noack (Q/AD) - father-in-law  
CVO II Raymond R. Oldsen (E) - father  
Staff Artist III Erin M. Center (Q/PIED) - grandmother  
Cpl. Shannon W. Crouch (G) - grandmother  
Tpr. Keith A. Kinsey (Q/GD) - grandfather

Lead Radio Oper. Taylor C. Hunt (I) - mother  
Chief Timothy L. Wever (Q/CommD) - brother  
Ret. Capt. Terry J. Luikart - mother  
Sgt. Timothy R. Tinnin (F) - father  
DE III Wanda F. Woodruff (C) - sister-in-law  
Ret. Clerk IV Janet Waer - mother  
Tpr. Amy E. Reynolds (C) - grandmother  
Ret. R&T Tech. 1st Class Albert L. Allen - mother  
Sgt. Corey J. Schoeneberg (F) - grandfather  
Tpr. Mike D. Lynch (E) - grandfather  
Cpl. Darren E. Sigman (H) - father  
Ret. Sgt. Bob Legg - mother



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**Entry form and fee are due: June 1, 2007.**

**\*\*This tournament is limited to all current and retired Highway Patrol employees. All proceeds after expenses will be donated to The MASTERS & Special Olympics.\*\***

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